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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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1. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	50	96	0
Independent Claims	3	9	0
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee Code	
1202	2202	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (1)		0.00

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Fee Code	Fee Code	
1051	2051	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	2052	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
2053	2053	Non-English specification
1251	2251	Extension for reply within first month
1252	2252	Extension for reply within second month
1253	2253	Extension for reply within third month
1254	2254	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2255	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	2401	Notice of Appeal
1402	2402	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	2403	Request for oral hearing
1451	2451	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1460	2460	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	1807	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	1806	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
1809	1809	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	2810	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))

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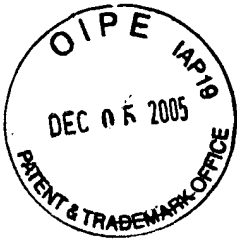
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2005, the Patent Office requested a species restriction between species A (Figures 1-20 and 24-31) and species B (Figures 21 and 23). Applicants do not elect either species in response to the Office Action as Applicants believe the species requirement is in error. Specifically, Figures 21 and 23 show a cross-section and side view, respectively, of delivery cannula 42 of Figure 17. Figure 21 is a cross-section at one point along the delivery cannula just as Figures 18-20 and 22 are cross-sections at other points. The differentiation as a separate species between Figure 21 and any of Figures 18-20 and 22 is unclear. Similarly, Figure 23 shows needle 47 extending beyond opening 135 and delivery cannula 42. Applicants are unclear what makes Figure 23 a different species from, for example, Figure 17 where the needle is inside delivery cannula 42.

To the extent necessary, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement on the ground that the species identified by the Patent Office are not patentably distinct for the reasons stated above.